

Examiners Comments

Legal Ethics – September 2008

Question 1

This question had 5 sub-questions. Most students scored well in this question although many struggled with the question relating to 'show cause' events and that relating to different orders for similar conduct.

Question 2

Most students evidenced a good grasp of the topic. However, the structure of the responses was, at times, disappointing and detracted from some of the answers.

Question 3

This question was answered extremely well by the vast majority of students. The answers showed that students understood the concepts, correctly identified the issues and explained the principles of law by using appropriate authorities. Most students scored above a credit mark.

Question 4

This question was poorly answered. In general, students did not take the opportunity to construct their answer in an orderly manner – by use of headings to itemise an advocate's duty to the client. Most of the answers were badly organised and lacked structure or direction. Statements of principle, reference to authorities and bar rules were often without elaboration or analysis. Many answers gave a list of Bar Rules and a list of cases without any connection to the question.